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You have absolutely got to be kidding!

I guess this is why no one trusts government to do anything right.

This whole anti-trust thing has been about Microsoft dominating the marketplace through bully tactics and product giveaways and you think that forcing them to spend a billion dollars to put their product into more locations is a PENALTY?

Do you think the public is foolish enough to believe this is a penalty?

Apparently the Department of Justice is.

Over the years, they have given away product for free at a substantial cost knowing that everything they give away will need to be upgraded and that the user will be locked in to the Microsoft Upgrade Revenue Bonanza.

If you want to penalize them, why not have them put 1 BILLION DOLLARS worth of Macintosh computers. They would still benefit in sales of applications, but at least not the operating system too.

If not that, at least some semblance of a real penalty.

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